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SUBJECT: INCIDENT VICINITY UN

1. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1978, AT 12:05 PM, IVAN HORVAT,
CROAT EMIGRE, STOOD SHIRTLESS IN MIDDLE FIRST AVE AT 43RD
ST, OUTSIDE GATE TO UN, AND PLUNGED KITCHEN KNIFE INTO HIS
CHEST AS POLICE APPROACHED TO ATTEMPT PREVENT HIS ACTION.
HORVAT TOLD POLICE AT SCENE THAT HE WAS PROTESTING IMPRISON-
MENT OF CROATIANS IN YUGOSLAVIA.

2. HORVAT WAS REMOVED TO BELLEVUE HOSPITAL WHERE HE IS
EXPECTED TO RECOVER FROM SELF-INFLICTED WOUND. RELATIVES OF
SUBJECT INFORMED POLICE HE WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM MENTAL
INSTITUTION. HORVAT WAS PLACED UNDER MENTAL OBSERVATION AT
BELLEVUE.

3. THERE FOLS TEXT OF LETTER POLICE FOUND ON HORVAT:

BEGIN TEXT

LONG LIVE GOD - LONG LIVE CROATIA

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THE BLOOD OF MY CROATIAN FLOWER, BODY, MY CROATIAN FIELDS
AND FORESTS - IF I HAD TEN LIVES I WOULD GIVE THEM FOR
CROATIA, TO DIE FOR CROATIA IS MY HONOUR.

I LOVE THE USA AS MY SECOND MOHTER, AND I RESPECT THE USA
BECAUSE IT STANDS FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

I DEMAND FOR CROATIA INDEPENDENCE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.
CROATIA MUST BE FREE FROM COMMUNISM AND SERBIAN CHAUVINISM.

I AM ALSO FOR FREE IRELAND, SOCTLAND AND WALES.

I AM ALSO FOR FREEDOM FROM COMMUNISM AND RUSSIAN FASCISM AND
USURPISM. I AM FOR THE PEOPLES UNDER RUSSIAN BANDITISM.
I AM ALSO FOR THE FREEDOM OF ALL ENSLAVED PEOPLES IN THE
WORLD.

ALL MY LOVE TO MY FAMILY, TO MY CHILDREN. I LOVE YOU ALL.
FORGIVE ME FOR DEPARTING FROM YOU BODILY BUT SPIRITUALLY I
SHALL REMAIN WITH YOU.

PLEASE FORGIVE ME MY SINS. I BEG FORGIVENESS FROM MY GOD,
AND I KNOW THAT HE SHALL FORGIVE ME.

I WANT MY REMAINS TO REST IN MY PEASANT GRAVE YARD. MY
CROATIA I LOVE AND LOVE YOU ALONE.

I LOVE ALL THAT IS SUBJUGATED AND DEPRESSED, MY DEAR GOD,
MY MOTHER OF CROATIA.

LONG LIVE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY NOW AND ALWAYS.

LET THERE ALWAYS BE A BROTHER WITH BROTHER, A CROAT NEAR
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CROAT.

THE END IS COMING NEAR, DEAR GOD. I BEG YOU TO FORGIVE ME
AND I ASK FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

I HAVE CRIED MY EYES OUT, I AM LIVING BETWEEN LIFE AND
DEATH.

I SHALL NOT LEAVE QUESTION UNANSWERED ABOUT THE EXISTENCE
AND NON-EXISTENCE OF THE GOD, CROATIA EXISTS AND REMAINS
ALIVE.

I COULD NOT RECONCILE MYSELF LIVING WITHOUT CROATIA, AND IF
I CANNOT LIVE IN CROATIA PHYSICALLY, THEN AT LEAST I CAN
LIVE SPIRITUALLY.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AND UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW CROATIA
HAS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. I AM NOT BEGGING
BUT DEMANDING THIS FREEDOM. AND FROM THIS VERY DAY I
PROCLAIM FREE CROATIA, AS A GENUINE AND FULL-FLEDGED
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CROATIAN PEOPLE. END TEXT YOUNG

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